some constructions that are being made on the upstream of Mahanadi. We have advised the State Government of Orissa to have bilateral discussion so that this matter could be resolved between the two State Governments. If they refer it under the Inter-State Water Disputes Act, then we can facilitate to the resolution of the dispute. But, till date, they have not made any such request under the Inter-State Water Disputes Act. So, it is for these two States to resolve the issue. We have advised them accordingly.

श्री सुरेन्द्र लाठः सभापति महोदय, उसी प्रकार इंदिरावती नदी के ऊपर भी जो छत्तीसगढ़ एवं उड़ीसा सरकार में डिस्प्यूट चल रहा है उसके बारे में समाचार-पत्रों में छत्तीसगढ़ के मुख्य मंत्री के माध्यम से विभिन्न समाचार छपे हैं। इस समस्या के समाधान के लिए क्या उड़ीसा सरकार एवं छत्तीसगढ़ सरकार के मध्य में कोई बात-चीत प्रारंभ की गई है या सैन्ट्रल वॉटर कमीशन के माध्यम से इस बारे में कोई पहल की गई है?

SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI: Sir, as I have stated earlier, there is no dispute, but, certainly, there is a difference of approach to the subject. Under the aegis of the Central Water Commission, that difference has been resolved. As regards the difference over amount of water being made available month-wise that difference still exists. We are trying to resolve the issue by inviting both the State Governments for discussion.

Indians evacuated from Gulf countries

*368. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indians residing in the Gulf countries, country-wise;

(b) the total number of Indians evacuated from Iraq and its adjoining Gulf countries due to war in Iraq; and

(c) the country-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) The approximate number of Indians residing in the Gulf Countries are as under:

1.	Saudi Arabia	14,00,000
2.	United Arab Emirates	12,00,000
3.	Kuwait	03,50,000
4.	Oman	03,30,000
5.	Qatar	01,70,000
6.	Bahrain	01,40,000
7.	Yemen	5,000
8.	Iraq	19

(b) and (c) No Indian has been evacuated from Iraq and adjoining Gulf countries due to war in Iraq. Most Indians in Iraq voluntarily left before the outbreak of war. As far as neighbouring countries are concerned, normal commercial flights have been operating and so far there has been no necessity of evacuation of Indian nationals.

SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Sir, it has been stated in the reply that "No Indian has been evacuated from Iraq and adjoining Gulf countries due to war in Iraq." I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether he would make any arrangement for bringing them back to India. Some of the people working as labour there have made a request in this regard. How is the Ministry coordinating with the Crisis Management Group, recently set up, to evacuate the Indians staying in Iraq and adjoining Gulf countries?

श्री सैयद शाहनवाज हुसैन: सर, यह जो क्वश्चन इन्होंने पूछा है यह विदेश मंत्रालय से संबंधित है कि कितने इंडियन रहते हैं। जहां तक एअरलिफ्ट का सवाल है, हमने जो कंटिंजेंसी प्लान बनाया था उसकी जरूरत नहीं पड़ी, क्योंकि कुवैत में अगर इराक की सेना घुसती, तब उसकी जरूरत पड़ती। अभी कुवैत में इराक की सेना के घुसने की कोई संभावना दिखाई नहीं पड़ती।

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.